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SUBJECT: OBTAINING FISHING LICENSES BY RADIO

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1. IN DISCUSSION OF FISHING LICENSE PROCEDURES DEC 17,
GUAYAQUIL BANK AMERICA BRANCH MANAGER AILLON EXPRESSED
SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT BANK ROLE IN OBTAINING FISHING
PERMITS TO CONGEN GUAYAQUIL AND POL COUNSELOR. AILLON
SAID THAT BANK WOULD COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY IN MAKING FUNDS
AVAILABLE LOCALLY FOR FISHING LICENSES, BUT WAS EXTREMELY
RELUCTANT TO INVOLVE BANK DIRECTLY IN ACTUAL PAYMENT PROCESS.
DIFFICULTY, HE SAID, LAY IN GOE BUREAUCRATIC JUNGLE WHICH
MADE THE OSTENSIBLY SIMPLE TASK OF OBTAINING A FISHING
LICENSE A MAJOR CHORE. SINCE THE BOATS WOULD BE IDLE
PENDING THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE, THE BANK'S FAILURE TO
SECURE IT -- THROUGH NO FAULT OF ITS OWN -- COULD LEAD TO
RECRIMINATIONS AND POSSIBLY LAWSUITS. AILLON FELT THAT
BANK'S RISK WOULD BE COMPOUNDED BY ITS LACK OF EXPERENCE
WITH THE NITTY-GRITTY OF BILL PAYING AND THE FISHING
BUREAUCRACY.

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2. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, AILLON RECOMMENDED STRONGLY
THAT THE AMERICAN TUNABOAT ASSN (ATA) RETAIN AN AGENT IN
GUAYAQUIL FOR THIS SPECIFIC PURPOSE. THE BANK COULD
DISBURSE THE MONEY TO HIM FOR THE LICENSES AS WELL AS
PAY HIS FEE. HE THOUGHT THAN AN AGENT MIGHT CHARGE FROM

\$200 TO \$300 PER BOAT FOR THE SERVICE, IF HE WERE NOT RETAINED AT AN OVERALL RATE. A DISCUSSION ENSUED IN WHICH THE BANK'S POSITION AND BILL PAYING MECHANICS WERE REVIEWED. THE PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT DIVORCING THE BANK FROM THE BILL PAYING AND HAVING THE ATA RETAIN A LOCAL AGENT WAS THE MOST FEASIBLE APPROACH. BANK RECOMMENDED VICENTE YULEE, A WELL KNOWN SHIPPING AGENT FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. CONSUL BISHTON SOUNDED OUT YULEE IN PRINCIPLE ON PROPOSAL DEC 20. YULEE DECLARED HIS WILLINGNESS TO ACT AS AGENT FOR ATA FOR FEE OF \$180 PER LICENSE. SHOULD BOATS DESIRE ANY OTHER SERVICES, THERE WOULD BE SEPARATE FEES.

4. EMBASSY OBSERVES THAT RETAINING YULEE MIGHT CUT SEVERAL INITIAL STEPS IN REQUESTING LICENSES, SINCE BOATS COULD RADIO DIRECTLY TO HIM (WE UNDERSTAND HE MAINTAINS 24 MONITOR) AND BEGIN THE NECESSARY PROCEDURES WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF NAVY OR AMCONGEN.

5. DEPT ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONTACT FELANDO OF ATA OR HIS REP IN THIS MATTER CONVEYING THIS INFORMATION, AND EMPHASIZING OUR ASSESSMENT THAT THIS IS MOST PRACTICAL PLAN TO FACILITATE LICENSE ISSUANCE. SINCE FISHING SEASON HERE CUSTOMARILY BEGINS FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY, TIME IN PUTTING TOGETHER THESE PROCEDURES IS OF THE ESSENCE.
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